



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

12 October 2020

Dear

ATISN 14315 – Postponed Hospital Procedures

Thank you for your request which I received on 16 September. You asked for:

- *Postponed operation figures by individual health board per month, for the months of March, April, May, June and July 2018.*
- *Postponed operation figures by individual health board per month, for the months of March, April, May, June and July 2019 and*
- *postponed operation figures by individual health board per month, for the months of March, April, May, June and July 2020.*

You would like the data in the following postponement categories

- Clinical reasons,
- Non clinical and
- Cancelled by patients.

The data is attached in tables in annex 1.

For information, the data relating to 2018 and March 2019, was prior to the health board re-organisation, so Abertawe Bro Morgannwg contained Bridgend. From April 2019, Bridgend moved across to the new Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board area. Therefore, it is not possible to compare the numbers for Abertawe Bro Morgannwg and Swansea Bay and Cwm Taf and Cwm Taf Morgannwg for the period prior to and post reorganisation, and for this reason, there are separate tables relating to the various organisations. However, the all Wales total will be comparable.

From March 2020, three new categories were added to reason for cancellation to allow for reporting of those procedures postponed due to COVID-19 for clinical, non-clinical and patient reasons. In March 2020, the Minister for Health and Social Services issued a directive to all Health Boards to postpone all non-urgent elective procedures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which accounts for the significant increase in postponements in this month.

For information and context, management information shows that in the period March – July 2020, there were 27,750 surgical and midwifery admissions across Wales; in the same period in 2019, there were 87,800 and in 2018 there were 87,300.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedomofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Annex 1

Aneurin Bevan	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20
Clinical	77	80	71	70	61	77	48	54	70	76	3,243	428	37	55	32
NonClinical	1,358	835	522	769	644	660	669	654	589	737	661	9	13	62	96
Patient	1,098	835	769	746	762	748	728	775	809	803	687	45	72	140	205
Total	2,533	1,750	1,362	1,585	1,467	1,485	1,445	1,483	1,468	1,616	4,591	482	122	257	333

Betsi Cadwaladr	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20
Clinical	355	344	410	273	358	359	302	341	270	350	325	76	94	104	156
NonClinical	798	486	426	601	494	463	475	518	525	557	2,382	208	81	115	282
Patient	803	743	783	745	794	633	591	637	545	618	870	70	61	116	158
Total	1,956	1,573	1,619	1,619	1,646	1,455	1,368	1,496	1,340	1,525	3,577	354	236	335	596

Cardiff & Vale	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20
Clinical	155	165	164	163	153	180	166	175	173	167	172	33	41	66	91
NonClinical	1,051	675	788	778	722	696	875	770	726	905	2,272	322	109	191	236
Patient	671	557	585	576	598	716	669	673	651	632	585	89	115	125	234
Total	1,877	1,397	1,537	1,517	1,473	1,592	1,710	1,618	1,550	1,704	3,029	444	265	382	561

Hywel Dda	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20
Clinical	66	67	97	57	75	55	60	84	76	60	21	4	4	19	24
NonClinical	487	292	251	345	344	364	356	357	337	300	1,206	930	28	26	47
Patient	530	429	422	426	444	433	425	455	372	409	747	123	49	70	113
Total	1,083	788	770	828	863	852	841	896	785	769	1,974	1,057	81	115	184

Powys	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20
Clinical	7	12	10	13	7	12	11	10	7	8	10		2		1
NonClinical	35	18	8	10	20	46	10	28	9	40	108				
Patient	55	51	36	46	36	65	50	68	57	61	25				1
Total	97	81	54	69	63	123	71	106	73	109	143	-	2	-	2

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20
Clinical	122	110	117	121	97	98									
NonClinical	767	555	646	743	810	714									
Patient	808	724	861	889	885	750									
Total	1,697	1,389	1,624	1,753	1,792	1,562	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Swansea Bay	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20
Clinical							77	52	85	76	71	16	13	27	31
NonClinical							426	508	470	645	1,583	148	123	75	129
Patient							436	486	422	499	461	87	67	93	117
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	939	1,046	977	1,220	2,115	251	203	195	277

Cwm Taf	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20
Clinical	46	49	73	59	75	48									
NonClinical	322	149	254	220	191	176									
Patient	230	159	248	225	241	236									
Total	598	357	575	504	507	460	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Cwm Taf Morgannwg	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20
Clinical							128	156	187	196	36	1	3	21	35
NonClinical							496	544	536	703	2,174	152	76	51	82
Patient							590	681	712	771	445	45	79	110	143
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,214	1,381	1,435	1,670	2,655	198	158	182	260

All Wales	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20
Clinical	828	827	942	756	826	829	792	872	868	933	3,878	558	194	292	370
NonClinical	4,818	3,010	2,895	3,466	3,225	3,119	3,307	3,379	3,192	3,887	10,386	1,769	430	520	872
Patient	4,195	3,498	3,704	3,653	3,760	3,581	3,489	3,775	3,568	3,793	3,820	459	443	654	971
Total	9,841	7,335	7,541	7,875	7,811	7,529	7,588	8,026	7,628	8,613	18,084	2,786	1,067	1,466	2,213